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MUST SETTLE STRIKE.

French Government Decide on Compulsory Arbitration.

Paris, Dec. 9.—At a cabinet council today it was decided to direct Admiral Bonnier to request in the name of the government that the parties to the Marcelline strike accept arbitration. This step was taken after Premier Combes had explained the differences of the situation, and the injury it was causing French commerce, and the port of Marseilles. The decision of the ministers followed the action of the shipowners in refusing to accept terms proposed by the strikers.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

Returns to Ottawa Today From Visit to Montreal.

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—(Special)—The Governor-General, Lady Minto and family will return to Ottawa tomorrow from Montreal.

Higgins, the New Brunswick boy-murderer, has had his sentence commuted to imprisonment for life.

Hides from England will be allowed to enter Canada, although passing through the New England States.

MEETING PROHIBITED.

Socialists Not Allowed to Gather at Breslau.

Breslau, Dec. 9.—A meeting of laborers, which was being held today to proclaim their adherence to social democracy, was dissolved by the authorities.

HOPE ABANDONED.

East Chance For the Celtic Has Gone.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 9.—All doubt as to the fate of the Celtic on Lake Huron, in the gale of November 30, was settled today when wreckage from the boat came ashore at Thessalon, Ontario. Nine men were lost.

HEAT AND COLD.

Firemen Have Hard Time at a Fire.

Montreal, Dec. 9.—A building on Notre Dame street occupied by Boudreau's hat and fur store, and a number of lawyers' offices, was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is \$40,000. The firemen had a most difficult task in the intense cold.

BRANDON MAYORALTY.

F. Nation and J. W. Fleming Nominated.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 9.—(Special)—Messrs. F. Nation and J. W. Fleming were nominated for the Brandon mayoralty today. J. A. Hobbs and T. Schmidt were named for Aldermen.

Thomas Grier, billiard expert, and one of Winnipeg's best known sporting men, died today.

CONTENT OF COURT.

Justice of Peace Locks Up County Commissioners.

Forsyth, Montana, Dec. 9.—As a result of further defiance to the orders of Justice of the Peace Roderick McKee, the entire Board of County Commissioners, together with the clerk, on the second time, have been thrown into jail for 24 hours, and fined \$50 each, owing to election disputes.

Will Curtail Shingle Output

Makers Find Cedar Logs Scarce and Will Work Shorter Hours.

One Difference Still Exists Between Telephone Company and Operators.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Dec. 9.—Cedar is so scarce that it has been decided by the shingle manufacturers association to curtail the output. There is a good supply of shingles on hand in the mills and on the jobbers' hands, and the scarcity of cedar was causing the mills to be run at a loss. Night work will be abandoned tonight and day work curtailed 25 per cent. In all the production of shingles will be curtailed 60 per cent. or from about 1,000,000 shingles per day to 400,000.

An difference between the striking operators and the Telephone company seem to have been adjusted except one question, the recognition of the union or its powers to dictate. The company engaged many non-union hands when their employees struck and guaranteed permanent employment. The union says these employees must be dismissed as non-union members and all the employees taken back. The Telephone company says they will take a handful of non-union hands back, but not all. The strike does not consider the suggestion. The company have promised all the full-time employment at the wages they struck for, and promises the girls increased pay, and they do not wish to dismiss the hands that stood by them in their trouble.

By-laws were passed at the council meeting last night preparatory to submission to the people of the erection of a new jail and fire hall.

During the past summer 974,706 pounds of fruit was shipped to Manitoba from British Columbia, as against 140,950 pounds shipped in 1897. This business has been steadily increasing from year to year, and promises to reach large proportions, as the market is almost unlimited.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 9.—The 30th annual session of the American Public Health association opened here today; the attendance was large. Men distinguished in science are here from nearly every state in the union, Canada, Mexico, Cuba and Chile.

HEALTH CONGRESS.

Thirtieth Session Has Opened in New Orleans.

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BLAKE AND DAVITT

Pay a Visit to United States President.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Michael Davitt and Edward Blake, members of the British parliament, who are making a brief tour of this country, paid their respects to the President today. On leaving the White House they expressed themselves as delighted with their call.

REBEL VICTORY.

Morocco Forces Defeated in a Bloody Fight.

Tangier, Morocco, Dec. 9.—The Sultan's forces have been defeated with serious loss on the road to Rabat. After defeating the Zennour tribe recently, the Sultan's army encountered another rebel force, and a sanguinary battle followed, with the result that the Sultan's ruler was compelled to retire towards Fez.

TO LAND CATTLE.

Livestock from Boston to Be Allowed Ashore.

London, Dec. 9.—The Board of Agriculture Gazette today announced that special orders had been issued permitting the Cunard line steamer Syriam from Boston, November 30, for Liverpool, and the Leyland line steamer California, from Portland, Me., November 30, for the same port, to land their livestock under certain restrictions.

DR. MAGGS RESIGNS.

Head of Wesleyan Methodist College Retires.

Montreal, Dec. 9.—Rev. Dr. Maggs, principal of the Wesleyan Theological College, today handed his resignation to the board of governors. Dr. Maggs is an Englishman and came out here a couple of years ago to take charge of the institution. The reason given for his retirement is that the climate disagrees with his wife, but it is reported on good authority that there has been considerable friction as well as lack of whole-hearted support which the principal should have received.

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Come in and inspect our Xmas Goods

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DRUGGISTS.

Southeast Corner of Fort and Douglas Streets.

Five Firms Burned Out

Fire Destroys Dupont Block at Westminster and Loss Is Heavy.

Property Destroyed Valued at More Than Seventy Thousands and Dollars.

From Our Own Correspondent.

New Westminster, B. C., Dec. 9.—The worst fire since the disastrous conflagration on the ever-memorable night of September 10, 1898, occurred here today when property valued at \$72,000 went up in smoke.

The Dupont block, built by Major Dupont, Victoria, was completely gutted, and five business firms burned out.

The fire started in the basement of J. A. Lees furniture store, how is not yet definitely known, but within a very few minutes the premises were filled with very dense smoke, which soon spread to the stores on either side and prevented ingress from Columbia street. Under the circumstances considerable time elapsed before the firemen could locate the blaze, which had made great headway amongst three carloads of furniture newly arrived for the Christmas trade. Twice it seemed that the firemen had got the upper hand, but each time there was a fresh outburst of flames, and it was not till 2 o'clock that the safety of the adjoining Holbrook hotel block was assured.

Owing to the way the building was laid out the difficulty of fighting the fire was somewhat increased and twice the flames took hold of the Holbrook roof. Persistent application of water from seven streams at high pressure eventually won the day, but things looked black for Columbia street for a time. While serving the stream laid from the powerful pumps of the ferry steamer Surrey, Fremantle narrowly escaped serious injury. As it was he was stunned by a great piece of plate glass falling on him, but fortunately the edge struck the fireman's helmet. A little later flames reached the stock of ammunition in Anderson's hardware store. All the explosives, but two small kegs of sporting powder had been previously removed, but these caused quite an explosion, followed by an almost incessant discharge of thousands of gun and shell cartridges. No damage, however, was done by this. The fire is still smoldering and water is still being poured into the ruins in the endeavor to prevent the flames communicating with the store of benzine and oil.

THE LOSSES.

The losses are as follows:
R. F. Anderson & Co., hardware, \$35,000; insured to \$0 per cent.
K. A. Lee, furniture, \$6,000; insured to \$5,000.
Alex. Matheson, liquors, \$7,000; total loss.
H. T. Kirk, stoves, \$4,500; insurance, \$2,500.
Liberal club, \$1,000.
Gas company, \$200.
N. J. Larsen, grocer, and Brown's restaurant, \$200.

Lee's loss is comparatively heavy, as he had just started in business, and three carloads of furniture, his day's bank deposit, and the store cash of \$250 and books were all destroyed.

AMPLE WATER SUPPLY.

Notwithstanding the stupendous drain of six streams from the highest pressure hydrants, for five hours, the water in the city reservoir only fell 22½ inches, leaving over 10 feet in depth.

The burned out mechanics are already preparing to open new quarters. Larson's grocery stock, uninsured, was all removed safely with little loss, other grocers coming to his assistance. The Liberal club, the Public Works Department, and it was lately furnished with two billiard tables.

ROSS ELECTED IN THE YUKON

Belated Returns From Dawson Have Arrived. Mr. Prefontaine Returned.

Telegraphic communication with Dawson was restored yesterday, and the results of the Yukon election of December 2 were ascertained. Hon. J. H. Ross, the government candidate was returned by a majority of 50 votes. The total vote cast is 4,500 and there are yet polling places to hear from, but they will not materially alter the vote.

Montreal, Dec. 9.—Hon. Raymond Prefontaine was elected mayor in Maisonneuve by 4,338 votes, a majority of 1,518 over Labelle (Conservative).

Regina, Dec. 9.—The by-election for Saskatoon seat in the Northwest legislature was held today. Clench (Liberal) supporter, has 90 majority over Chubb (Independent) with four polls to hear from.

Cambridge, Ont., Dec. 9.—(Special)—Geo. D. Grant, barrister, Orillia, son of Rev. Dr. R. N. Grant, is mentioned in connection with the Liberal nomination for the Commons in North Ontario, made vacant by the death of Angus MacLeod.

IN EASTERN CANADA.

Cold Snap Reported from Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 9.—Bitter cold weather prevails in Eastern Canada today. The thermometer at many places ranges from 10 below to 25 below.

LORD MILNER.

Wants a Rest After His Hard Work.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—The Evening Telegram's London correspondent says that even if Lord Milner is offered the governor-generalship of Canada he would not accept having declared his desire to rest after his hard work in South Africa.

NEWFOUNDLAND TREATY.

Mr. Morine Says It Is Not Popular.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 9.—Hon. A. B. Morine, leader of the opposition in Newfoundland, who is on his way to Montreal, says the Hay-Donald treaty was an important factor in the recent elections in that colony, and that the treaty is not popular with the people. He thinks that the ratification of the treaty would materially affect trade with Canada.

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DAN PATCH SOLD.
Changes Owners for Sixty Thousand Dollars.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 8.—S. M. W. Savage, of this city, has bought Dan Patch (1509), the famous unbeaten pacer of M. E. Strugs, of New York, for \$60,000. The price is said to be the highest ever paid for a pacer.

HAVANA SANTIAGO.
First Through Train on New Cuban Road.

Santiago, Cuba, Dec. 8.—Two thousand persons witnessed the departure at 7 o'clock this morning of the first regular train to Havana with 150 through passengers. The crowd gave the train an enthusiastic send-off.

WONDERFUL ESCAPE.
Went on a Whirl But Escaped Alive.

Erin, Ont., Dec. 8.—George Bell of the firm of Bell Bros., flour millers of Erin and Catorat, got his coat caught in the shafting making 212 revolutions a minute on Saturday, and was whirled around and around until every vestige of clothing was torn off his body and he was thrown into a nearby wheat bin. When picked up Bell was unconscious, but examination showed that he had escaped with a few bruises and scratches, but no bones broken.

When washing greasy dishes or pots and pans, Lever's Dry Soap (a powder) will remove the grease with the greatest ease.

Ladies give your orders for hand-made lace, cream and black silk and all shades, braids, rings and nets, latest patterns, at Mrs. W. H. Adams, 78 Douglas street.

MARTELL'S THREE STAR BRANDY.

OF ALL WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

AT ALL BARS AND RESTAURANTS

Castro Takes Defiant Stand

British and German Subjects in Caracas Have Been Arrested.

President Pretends that He Did Not Know of British Claims.

Caracas, Dec. 9.—All British and German subjects in Caracas were arrested today.

Kingston, St. Vincent, Dec. 9.—The British cruiser Indefatigable, which has arrived here from Laguaira, Venezuela, brings a report that President Castro, of that country, has declared an ultimatum to the threatened blockade. It is asserted that President Castro is prepared even to expel the German and British residents in Laguaira, and to close that port.

Caracas, Dec. 9.—President Castro received the correspondent of the Associated Press at Marafios Palace today, and in reply to questions, the President of Venezuela said: "The Venezuelan government has not received any ultimatum, properly speaking, but rather simultaneous requests from Great Britain and Germany. The claims of Great Britain asks this government to settle are small and up to the present we have been aware of them. Never having been aware of them, Venezuela has consequently never refused to settle them. Great Britain's action is therefore without jurisdiction. The Venezuelan government is working for the re-establishment of public order, and other affairs must necessarily be subservient to this object. Nevertheless, to prove Venezuela's desire to settle all pending claims in a comfortable manner, the government is willing to decrease during the last session of Congress, November 28, creating a committee to which all pending claims should be referred. No claims have been presented to this committee, and no claims have been rejected. There has been no denial of justice. Why then should foreign chancelleries intervene, thereby ignoring our laws and endeavoring to violate our national sovereignty? We do not understand this action."

The correspondent then said to President Castro: "What do you intend to do in view of the present attitude of the powers?"

"Enforce our rights, and explain to the world that Venezuela has laws; provide that we have never denied our engagements."

The President was then asked what reply the Venezuelan government would make to the requests handed it by the German and British envoys? He replied after reflection:

"The Venezuelan government is astonished that after the notes which were transmitted to it by the diplomatic representatives of Germany and Great Britain, it should have been asked to accept without awaiting the reply of the Venezuelan government."

The correspondent then asked President Castro what course he intended to pursue should the powers declare a blockade? The President explained himself from answering this question. No ultimatum had been delivered to the Venezuelan government up to 2 o'clock this afternoon. He refused to accept or refuse or fail to reply to the notes of Great Britain and Germany, it is believed that an ultimatum will then be received. The ultimatum would possibly be transmitted by Admiral Don Juan, commanding the combined British and German fleets, or by the captain of the British cruiser Retribution.

WHITE SLAVERY.

How Markle Company Kept a Family in Bondage.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 9.—Tales of evictions from houses owned by G. B. Markle & Co., the narration of the death of a wife as a result of an enforced removal from her home, and the story of a mother whose husband was killed in the Markle mines, of how she and her two boys struggled for years to pay the back rent and keep the home, she owed them, were the principal features of today's sessions of the Coal Strike Arbitration Commission.

The commission today concluded the calling of witnesses against the Markle company. The attorneys for the large coal companies having nothing to say regarding the testimony now being presented, but they represented the miners as well pleased. One of the latter, speaking of today's proceedings, said: "The independent operators in their meeting with the big companies in New York two weeks ago, when they succeeded in blocking the settlement, said the whole matter should go before the commission, so that the country at large would know who is right and thus the miners and coal companies. We are willing to go ahead with the proceedings if they are satisfied with the vindication they are now getting by the closing the Markle case, the representatives of the miners called witnesses who had formerly been employed in the mines of several companies to show that a blacklist exists, and that some of the companies have agreed to the agreement which ended the strike, and resulted in the appointment of the arbitration commission."

CASTRO'S LETTER.

Venezuelan President Uses Fine Words and Expresses Surprise.

Caracas, Dec. 8.—The Venezuela press publishes an open letter from President Castro to the embroglio with Great Britain and Germany. In this communication President Castro says: "For an embroglio to exist between two foreign nations, among them Great Britain and Germany have allied themselves together to carry out acts of violence and aggression against Venezuela, and their manner of obtaining the resumption of the payment of interest on the public debt which is to be suspended as a consequence of the revolution that I have proclaimed, is not only a violation of the official character of this news, I refuse to believe it, because it is inconceivable that nations which entertain cordial and friendly relations with Venezuela should prefer to resort to force rather than follow the diplomatic path, especially when the supposed difference comes fully within the jurisdiction of our laws, which are based on the principle of justice, which together with the other attributes of authority I have just received. Had Venezuela refused to fulfill her fiscal engagements and justice and diplomacy exhausted their resources against such an attempt, only then could such extreme acts be resorted to, but this will never happen."

U. S. IMMIGRATION.

How the Insane Asylums Are Being Filled.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The Senate committee of emigration today gave a hearing to parties interested in the bill to regulate immigration of aliens into the United States. Among the witnesses were representatives of the Southern Pacific company, the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' association, and the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce. Goodwin Brown and Dr. T. R. Richardson of the New York State lunacy commission, Rev. J. S. Barrows, New York; Commissioner of Immigration, and Commissioner of the State hospitals of New York, and they are increasing at the rate of 700 a year. One half of the number he declared, are foreign-born, and should not have been permitted to land. He offered a proposed amendment to the bill extending the time to two years for deporting an alien who has been declared insane, and who is found to have been insane within the two years provided in his amendment. The foreign insane, Mr. Brown said, were the most undesirable immigrants would be landed if the tax was raised. These are the people he said who caused the most trouble in this country. The committee adjourned until tomorrow.

CIVIC FEDERATION.

Its Attempt to Bring Together Capital and Labor.

New York, Dec. 8.—At the afternoon session of the Civic Federation today, Archbishop Ireland made an address in which he said the year that has gone by had confirmed the originators of the Civic Federation in their conviction that there was a great and salutary work, that of striving to bring together, to put face to face capital and labor, so that the one would understand and duty towards the other, and that in this manner industrial peace should be made.

Mr. Carpenter of Dayton, Ohio, spoke on the labor bureau in industrial cities. N. C. Sykes of Chicago, former secretary of the Street Railway Commission of that city, speaking on the evolution of arbitration as relating to public service corporations, said: "I am opposed to the idea of compulsory arbitration, as relative to industry generally, but I do not object to arbitration between the public service corporation and the ordinary industrial corporation. The public has a right to demand an uninterrupted street railway service, and to that end it has a right to insist that everything reasonable possible be done to prevent strikes and lockouts. Companies accepting grants should be required to submit all labor disputes to arbitration. The same argument applies to lighting, telephone, and water companies in the national field."

MORIBID POSTERS.

Nottingham Rules Out Sensational Pictures.

What constitutes an objectionable theatrical poster is a question that is bothering more than one city corporation of old England. Are they those which may contain a suggestion of indecency, the variety that tends to detrimentally affect persons of a morbid temperament?

At least one corporation—Nottingham—is determined that this latter class of pictures shall not be allowed upon the hoardings of the city.

An intimation has been made to the proprietors and managers of the three theatres in the city that all illustrated posters which it is proposed to exhibit must be submitted to the inspection of the chief constable. A general supervision has in the past been made, but this was apparently not considered quite sufficient.

While the posters which come within the ordinary meaning of the term "objectionable" are strictly banned, the committee, through the chief constable, will pay particular attention to what may be described as the morbid poster. Nottingham will therefore be free from sensational illustration of murders and other tragic occurrences.

Scrofula

Few are entirely free from it. It may develop so slowly as to cause little if any disturbance during the whole period of childhood.

It may then produce irregularity of the stomach and bowels, dyspepsia, catarrh, and marked tendency to consumption before manifesting itself in much cutaneous eruption or glandular swelling.

It is best to be sure that you are quite free from it, and for its complete eradication you can rely on

Hood's Sarsaparilla

The best of all medicines for all humors.

A MIDNIGHT STABBING AFFRAY

Some, a Japanese, Wounds a Fellow countryman Named Nakamura.

Shortly after midnight this morning an altercation arose among some Japanese living over a Japanese barber shop on Government, near Herald street, in which explosives gave place to bows, and finally a knife was used to enforce his views, and he stabbed one Nakamura in the forearm, inflicting a wound which was painful, but not dangerous.

The other participants in the discussion interfered and separated the combatants just in time to prevent a more serious assault. The bloodthirsty Nakamura was seized, the police were summoned, and the wounded man and his assailant were taken to the station. Dr. Robertson cared for Nakamura's hurt, putting in four or five stitches, and some was locked up to appear before the magistrate this morning.

ONTARIO TIMBER.

Big Cut Expected For the Year—Western Growth.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—According to figures furnished by the Crown Lands Department, it is estimated that over \$4,000,000 of pine and square timber on Crown lands under timber licenses will be taken out.

In view of the growth of their Western business, several Canadian banks are considering the advisability of establishing exclusive boards in Winnipeg to deal with matters arising out of Western investments.

SHIP SUBSIDY.

Select Committee Reports Adversely on Principle.

London, Dec. 9.—The report of the select committee of the House of Commons on the steamship subsidy was issued this evening. Its general tenor is decidedly against the principle of granting subsidies. The committee finds that British shipowners have suffered much from the fostering of subsidies paid by foreign governments, that subsidies are merely a means of making British shipowners more competitive with foreign shipowners, and that the subsidies are a burden on the British taxpayer.

LECTURES.

A.O.U.W. Hall. PROF. W. G. ALEXANDER.

Wednesday—His Greater Lecture on Love, Friendship, Marriage and Jealousy. \$5c. 50c. and 50c.

Two couples matched on stage.

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LADIES' FANCY LACE TIES, with neat figured ends. In White and Cream. SPECIAL PRICE 35c

LADIES' WHITE LACE TIES, with handsomely figured ends. SPECIAL PRICES 50c, 90c, \$1.50

LADIES' BLACK CHIFFON TIES, with real White Hattenberg Lace borders. SPECIAL PRICES 90c, \$1.00

Ladies' Lace Collars

LADIES' TWINE COLORED LACE COLLARS, both plain style or silk applied. SPECIAL PRICE \$1.25

FANCY NET COLLARS, handsomely applied, with fancy silk. SPECIAL PRICE \$1.50

BLACK SEQUIN COLLARS, in new designs, beautiful effects. SPECIAL PRICE \$1.90, \$2.50

CHIFFON RUFFS

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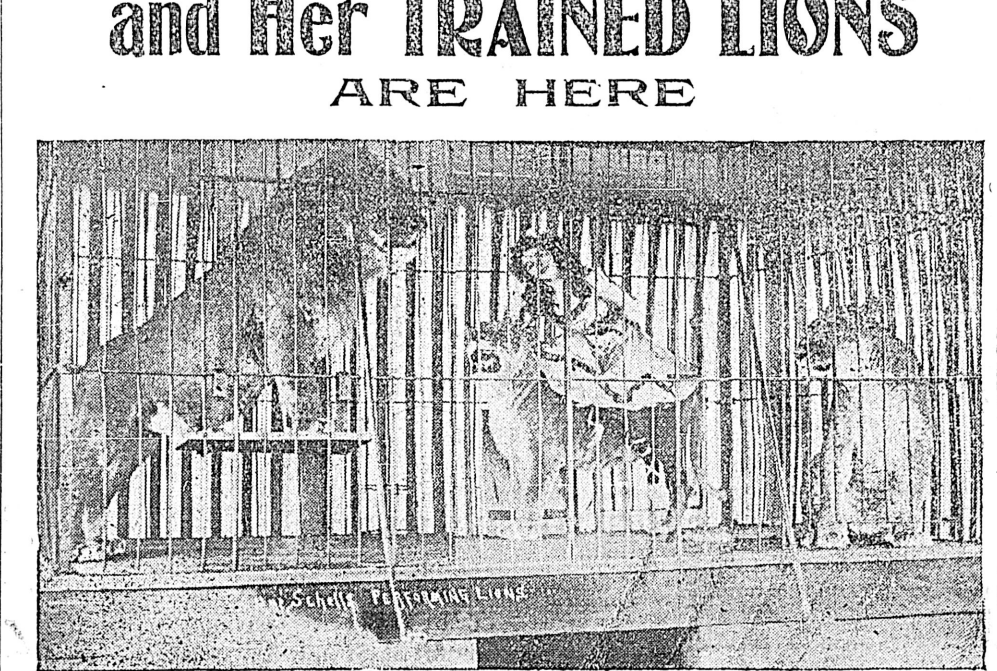
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THE YUKON ELECTION.

One Lot was not sufficient to save the Cities of the Plain, but one Ross has been sufficient to save the administration of the Yukon by the present government. From this it might either be argued that Ross is a much holier man than Lot, or that the administration of the Yukon has not been so bad as Solomon and Gomorrah. The campaign made for Mr. Ross, openly and unashamedly, was that as member he could leave the administration of the Territory with the virtues of his own personality; whereas, as an opponent of the government could only expose its vices. It is an immense tribute, and we believe not an unwarranted one, to the character of Mr. Ross, that such a campaign was entirely successful. We hope that the personal rectitude and honesty of purpose which have stood him in stead with the voters of the Yukon, will stand him in stead in his stewardship of their interests; and that his personality which served to hide the government during the campaign will serve to restrain it in the hour of victory. We pointed out some time ago that the inference drawn from his victory would not be the logical conclusion from the arguments used in support of his candidature. He was put before the electorate, justly enough, as a man who had stood up to the government in defence of an unrepresented and otherwise defenceless people. The people of the Yukon are now more defenceless than they were before, if Mr. Ross' victory is heralded as a consolation of all that has taken place. If he so accepts it himself, he will merely fall before one of those subtle temptations which prey specially upon the minds of representatives, but from which the minds of officials are comparatively free. His career as representative of the Yukon will be watched with interest in any event, and with deep and unqualified admiration if he succeeds in moulding the policy of the administration in the directions desired by his constituents.

VALE MONROE.

The Monroe doctrine was suggested and outlined by a British statesman as a means of saddling upon the United States the responsibilities of its position, and of relieving Great Britain from the possibility of future embarrassments in the Western Hemisphere. For a great many years the Monroe doctrine slumbered as peacefully as its author. Suddenly it was revived. The occasion none of us is likely to forget. There is an exceedingly impertinent, irresponsible and degraded republic in South America called Venezuela, whose territory adjoins some of the possessions of the British Empire. A dispute over the boundary arose. Great Britain was proceeding to reduce Venezuela to a frame of mind in which a sane country could negotiate with the United States intervened. Whether that intervention was justifiable or not is a moot point; there is, however, a general agreement that

the manner of it was offensive beyond measure and calculated to disturb the relations between two friendly countries. President Cleveland's message pleased a certain section of the American public, it irritated a certain section of the British public, but it left the main body of the two peoples dismayed at its possible results and anxious only to avert them. All serious results were happily averted, and the Monroe doctrine relegated to its proper sphere as the ornamental adjunct of political platforms. One effect, however, of the attitude of the United States at that time was overlooked, its effect upon Venezuela. If a strong man protects a cowardly thief, and yet permits his protégé to resume his courses without restraint, that strong man becomes vicariously a cowardly thief also. Venezuela has a very dim perception of national honor and probity. We are inclined to think that Venezuela regarded the Monroe doctrine as a convenient shield under which to practise all kinds of knavery in international relations. If Venezuela did not think that at the last moment the United States would intervene, it is difficult to understand the mixture of impertinence and dishonesty with which Great Britain and Germany have been treated by that ridiculous republic. The United States has not intervened, and apparently does not intend to intervene. The only way in which the United States could intervene would be by assuming the financial liabilities repudiated by Venezuela, unless, indeed, the Monroe doctrine was to be used to transform South America into an even greater and more perfect paradise of rogues than it is at present. Such an intervention would have involved the United States in responsibilities of a very serious character, and would have set a precedent which other South American republics would be only too ready to adopt upon when financial embarrassment followed by lawlessness and disorder. As suzerain of South America, the United States would enter upon a most unenviable heritage of discomfort. So the United States has not intervened, and Great Britain and Germany are free to deal with Venezuela as best suits their ideas of just compensation. The whole matter amounts to this, that the United States was willing enough to exercise the prerogative contained in the Monroe doctrine, but is decidedly unwilling to assume the responsibilities involved in every prerogative. To bid Great Britain in a grandiose manner to leave Venezuela alone is one thing, and to take the responsibility of making Venezuela observe the ordinary conventions of international morality, is entirely a different matter. The United States enjoyed the one, but declines the other. The interpretation placed upon the Monroe doctrine by the average American newspaper is evidently not the interpretation placed upon it by the government of the United States. We hope the latter is more closely in accordance with the canons of common sense, and that nothing will happen in connection with the Venezuelan incident to complicate the amicable relations existing between the great Empire and the great Republic.

PROHIBITION.

In the Mowat plebiscite of 1894 the prohibitionist vote was 180,187 male voters; in the Laurier plebiscite of 1898 the prohibitionist ballots counted numbered but 154,485. The plebiscite recently taken brought 150,576 prohibitionists to the polls. On this last occasion very few opposed to prohibition took the trouble to vote. It was necessary for the prohibitionists to poll 212,723 ballots, or half the vote polled at the general election. There was every incentive for them to poll their full strength, but no one opposed to prohibition was under any necessity to cast a vote. The limit set was vote enough for him. Prohibition is the most futile remedy for the evil of drink ever conceived by the mind of man. Nature abhors a vacuum, and will fill that vacuum with whisky, if there is nothing else to fill it with. If there is a dearth of ideas, cultivated tastes, rational enjoyments, social pleasures and congenial occupations in a man's mind and life, he will dissipate his energy through the indulgence of his appetites. Prohibition, even if successful, which it seldom or never is, does not attempt to fill the vacuum. It merely empties it and prepares it for the entrance of seven devils worse than the first. Canada is one of the most sober countries in the world, certainly the most sober Northern country. The reason is that Canada is full to the brim of possibilities of healthy enjoyment, and opportunities of progress and success to each individual. Man is a complex animal, whose every function demands of life its natural and healthful exercise. Look at any man to whom the excitement of alcohol has become an unavoidable necessity. You will find the history of the present morbid condition of his character in some defect in his environment at an earlier stage. His energy has taken this base outlet of dissipation, because its healthful outlet was for some reason or another denied him. The social reformer had better turn his attention to the environment in which the coming generations are being developed, and make it more healthy, more sane, more rational, more amusing, and more invigorating, if he wishes to accomplish any good, and not attempt to make the moderate use of alcoholic stimulants illegal, when the common sense of humanity absolutely refuses to consider it immoral.

PROFANITY.

A most amusing discussion on the subject of profanity has been taking place in the Saturday Review. There has been the usual outpouring about the people being more profane than they used to be, which is absurd. People of all ranks in society are much less profane than they used to be. The only difference is that nowadays the voice of the people is better heard and the senseless profanity still much in evidence echoes farther. One gentleman comes to the rescue of popular profanity, in which he finds a mine of folklore preserved.

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With regard to the great and fortunately almost peculiarly English epithet, "bloody," he says: "A very slight acquaintance with folklore reveals it as a fascinating outcrop of the primitive natural Christianity of the foreworld, in which blood was the symbol of life. From that estate it has fallen, until now it merely serves as a term of emphasis." With all due deference to the Saturday Review and its contributors, this gentleman is drifting. "Bloody" used as an epithet has nothing of a sanguine character about it at all, although it is now used as an adjective. It is a contraction of "By our Lady," and the full form of the oath "Bloody Mary" is uncommon, but by no means extinct. "Bloody" is not regarded merely as a coarse, ugly word, but as an impious word by people who have generations ago lost the memory of what it really means, and that fact amply proves its origin to have had nothing whatever to do with blood. The speculations of this gentleman about the folklore contained in popular profanity are on the same level of intelligence as the disquisitions of Mr. Pickwick upon the hieroglyphic monument he found on his travels.

TRUE IF MIXED.

The following paragraph from the San Francisco Argonaut emphasizes a notable difference in Canadian as opposed to American character. The facts contained in the paragraph appear to be a somewhat ingenious mixture between the transcontinental system known as the Canadian North and the transcontinental system proposed by the Grand Trunk Railway Company.

The Canadians have a quiet but very energetic way of going about matters. But little was heard about the Canadian Pacific railway until it was nearly completed, the cable between Canada and Australia has been laid with very little flourish, and now the Canadians are to have a new transcontinental railway. Work has been going on quietly for nearly eighteen months, and it is to be finished in 1907. The route is to run from Quebec to Port Simpson, paralleling the Canadian Pacific, and 280 miles north of that line. It will run through a country that annually produces 52,000,000 bushels of wheat, and to the West of the wheat fields in the Territories of Alberta, Athabasca, and Saskatchewan are immense deposits of petroleum and coal of both kinds awaiting development. Port Simpson, the Western terminus, is the most Northern Pacific port of the Dominion, being just South of the Southern termination of the Alaska strip. It is just about half-way between Victoria and Skagway, thus offering the shortest sea trip to Alaska, and it is also on the shortest and most direct line to China. It has, therefore, both strategic and trade advantages over any existing route. Moreover, the harbor is said to be second only to that of San Francisco on the Pacific Coast.

POLITICS.

To the Editor.
Sir—It is recorded of an ancient prophet named Balaam who was a bit of a wobbler in that he responded to Balak's offer to promote him to great honor and other good things, he started out to curse Balak's oxen but remained to bless. In your issue of the 4th we have a communication from a minor modern prophet, D. W. H., who varies the prophetic role by starting out to bless Mr. Joseph Martin, but finishes up by cursing him pretty roundly. D. W. H. acknowledges that Mr. Martin has a definite policy which he has consistently and forthrightly advocated and takes you to task by saying it "was entitled to more serious attention than your remarks referring to it seemed to indicate you thought it merited," yet he is not satisfied with him. Why? Now, Sir, it is quite refreshing at this dull season of the year, to hear a man who, in his bib and tucker, has made his most profound political bow of obedience to each and every party, until he is referred to as "the flomper," criticize Mr. Martin's consistent public conduct and signified Mr. Martin's change of front as "ignominious, not to say cowardly, retreat."

I seem to have a recollection of either

hearing or having read of his saying that he left one government because if they continued to give our land away we should soon have none left. D. W. H. had no use for Mr. Dunscombe's government, and in a kind of hopeless tone says, "now let us have the Prior policy." In Mr. Prior we have a man who has a large interest in the success of the province, who has made his own business and treats his employees well. These should give us reasonable grounds for believing that he will endeavor to run the business of the country on successful lines, and if his government legislates in railway and all other matters for the greatest good of the greatest number, he will not doubt have the support of Mr. Martin, who is patriotic enough to be above party, as well as the best wishes of the general public, and I trust also that of my old friend D. W. H., who, I quite concede, has had experience in the Humpty Dumpty line.

Colwood, B. C. J. SHAW.

BOUND TO APOLOGIZE.

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Local News.

Musical Festival.—There will be a rehearsal of Harris' Festival Mass this evening at the City Hall.

Board of Trade.—The regular quarterly general meeting of the Victoria Board of Trade will be held on Friday at 3 p. m.

Special Service.—The Rev. G. M. Dean will address the meeting at the Metropolitan Methodist church tonight. All are cordially invited.

No Party Lines.—The debate under the auspices of the Literary Society of the First Presbyterian church on Monday evening, resulted in a resolution condemning party lines in provincial politics.

Goodall-Lovett.—Mr. Ernest Goodall, an employee of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, and Miss Rosetta Lovett were united in marriage on Monday evening by Rev. R. R. Blyth, at his residence. The bride was attended by her sister, while the groom was supported by Mr. Edward Graham.

Horticultural Society.—The regular monthly meeting of the Horticultural Society will be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the City Hall. Mr. Wilkerson will read a paper on the "Culture of the Dahlia." Visitors are cordially invited.

Picturesque Victoria.—There is a great demand for the beautiful booklet, "Picturesque Victoria," recently issued by the Tourist association. Letters of appreciation are coming in daily, and crowds of people are seeking copies at the rooms, 34 Fort street, to send to their friends.

Assayers' Examinations.—Four candidates for proficiency in assaying are undergoing examination at the Provincial Assay office this week. The examiners are W. F. Robertson, provincial mineralogist, J. H. Carmichael, provincial assayer, and Thomas Kiddie, manager of the Tyee smelter.

Football Concert.—The Victoria inter-mediate have decided to postpone their concert for a week, as they do not go to Vancouver till January 10. A first-class programme is being arranged, some of Victoria's most talented vocalists having promised to lend their assistance, and it can be safely said that the public will not be disappointed.

S. O. E. Dinner.—Alexandra and Pride of the Island lodges, S. O. E., will hold their annual banquet on Friday evening, December 12, at the Royal Cafe, Fort street. The chairman for the evening will be John E. C. Prior. Tickets can be had at the following places: J. S. Croft, 88 Douglas street; A. Petch, Douglas street; Leo & Fraser, Trowce avenue; E. C. Bagshaw, Fort street, and R. Lettice, painter, Fort street.

Voters' Registering.—Up to 4 p. m. yesterday upwards of 170 persons had signed the voters' register at the office at the City Hall and registered themselves as voters at the forthcoming municipal elections. There is no evidence of any attempt being made to organize the voters of the city for the purpose of the interest of any particular candidate, as the persons now registered have come in indiscriminately from all parts of the city.

Bridge Re-Opened.—Some few days ago the old Point Ellice bridge was closed to traffic under direction of the city engineer, the reason given being that preliminary steps were about to be taken to arrange for the immediate undertaking of the work of constructing the new bridge. Owing to the hitch, however, in the final allotment of the contract, the bridge has been again declared open for traffic.

Missionary Meeting.—The annual missionary meeting of the Centennial Methodist church will be held tomorrow evening in the school room of the church, commencing at 8 o'clock. Hon. A. E. Smith, United States consul, will occupy the chair. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. J. P. Robertson, pastor of the Centennial Methodist church; Rev. G. W. Dean, of Victoria West, and others. Special music has been arranged for the occasion.

Remarkable Recovery.—Among the arrivals by the Sunday night steamer from Vancouver were Mrs. W. H. Ellis and her son Leslie Harrington. The latter has been under the professional care of I. Glen Campbell, M.D., the well known Vancouver specialist, for the past four months. In July last his left eye was penetrated by a sharp pointed iron nail by another nail and at one time it was feared that complete loss of the eye would result. Under Dr. Campbell's treatment the greater portion of the sight of the eye has been saved, and there is but slight indication of the injury remaining. Considering the circumstances, the saving of the eye is a little short of miraculous, and is a striking instance of the great advance made in the treatment of the eye in the last few years.

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At the close of the lecture ladies will be examined and told what kind of husbands they should have. Then the professor will go down into the audience and pick out as suitable companions as he can find. It is said that all the old bachelors are patronizing their tailors and interviewing their barbers, and are determined the professor will have no lack of material.
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3. Barn Medley
4. Waltz Synthesis
5. Lancers The Elite
6. Two-Step Southern Sweethearts
7. Waltz Rose of Killarney
8. Barn The Chatterbox
9. Two-Step The Tale of a Kangaroo
10. Waltz fr. A Runaway Girl
Extras, 1, 2, 3.
11. Two-Step Creole Belles
12. Waltz Torchador
13. Lancers Marchmar
14. Schottische The Honey-suckle
15. Waltz Don't Be Cross
16. Two-Step The Thoroughbred
17. Waltz Crown of Beauty
18. Two-Step Home Sweet Home
19. Waltz Please Go Way and Let Me Sleep
20. Extras Home Sweet Home
The reception committee is as follows:
Mrs. E. J. Palmer, Mrs. S. F. Erb, Mrs. J. S. Gibson, Mrs. H. E. Donald, Mrs. Walter Dunn, Mrs. R. P. Roberts, Mrs. H. Churchill, Mr. A. J. Thurston will be the floor manager, and the general committee as follows: Dr. H. B. Rogers, Mr. E. J. Palmer, Mr. E. Calder, Mr. H. E. Donald, Mr. A. H. Lewis, Capt. J. S. Gibson.

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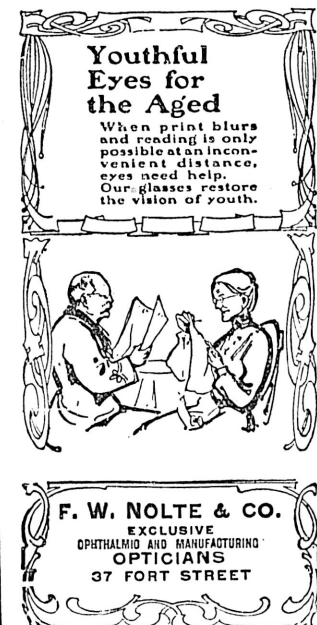
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Movements of Warships

H. M. S. Arethusa Bound Home
from China—Thetis to
Relieve Her.

Report that the Lifey Will Be
Abolished as Pacific
Depot Ship.

H. M. S. Arethusa, Capt. Startin, has been ordered home from China, according to the Naval and Military Record of November 20. The Arethusa, which formerly belonged to the Esquimalt station, was sent to China when the Boxer troubles commenced and was never replaced. She will be relieved on the China station by H. M. S. Thetis, the Arethusa will be made tender to one of the home gunnery vessels, and will be overhauled and refitted at a cost of \$50,000. The Thetis is a more modern vessel than the Arethusa, with more modern armament and four knots more speed. She was built at Clydebank, at a cost of £173,863. She has only served one commission, and for the first time was divided between the Mediterranean and Cape stations, she was commissioned in February, 1898. She has only just been refitted at a most of nearly \$200,000.

The Vancouver World says: "According to the World's well informed London correspondent, the present depot ship of the North Pacific Squadron, H. M. S. Lifey, Staff Commander John D. Moulton, R. N., now stationed at Coquimbó, on the coast of Chile, is about to be abolished. The Admiralty, after long consideration, has come to the conclusion that a depot and store ship for the squadron is no longer a necessity. "It is understood that with the abolition of the depot ship at Coquimbó, the North Pacific squadron will hereafter confine its operations largely to the Northern portion of the command, the Southern division being looked after by the new Australian squadron."

The Lifey is a reminder of the transition state of naval shipping, an historic link in the chain of evolution from the old sailing ships of the wooden age to the modern steamships of the iron age.

"Built over sixty years ago, the Lifey was originally a 31-gun frigate, her armament was reduced to 29 guns. Some twenty years ago she was relieved of her boilers, engines, guns, etc., and towed out to her present station, and moored in Coquimbó Bay, where she has ever since been a notable and picturesque landmark. Her staff consists of Commander J. D. Moulton, R. N., Staff Surgeon Richard Miller, Fleet Paymaster, D. J. Macdonald, Boatswain Walter Hodgkins, and Gunner Reuben Saxton.

The Lifey will be sold out of the fleet, and in the future all required stores will be drawn direct from Esquimalt. This cannot be confirmed at Esquimalt.

The Naval and Military Record of November 20 contains details of two court-martials recently held at Esquimalt. The correspondent of the service paper at Esquimalt writes: "At a court-martial, under the presidency of Capt. John Casement, of the Amphion, ordinary Seaman D. Gallagher, of the cruiser Graton, pleaded guilty to striking the master-at-arms of that ship, at Esquimalt, on the 24th inst., and was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, and to be dismissed from His Majesty's service. A court-martial, composed of Capt. John Casement, of the Amphion (president), Commanders C. H. Simpson, Egeria, and W. S. Bowman, and C. M. K. Fair, of the Graton, assembled on board the Amphion for the trial of P. Diano, a seaman of the Graton, on four charges, being absent from duty, being drunk on board his ship, and being in contempt of his superior officer, and attempting to strike his superior officer. Capt. Colin R. Keppel, C.B., D.S.O., president, and Lieut. P. R. Baker, admiral's secretary, officiated as deputy judge advocate, and Lieut. P. M. C. Wilde, R. M. A., appeared as the prisoner's friend. The circumstantial evidence against the prisoner did not return to his ship when his leave expired, that when he did return he was drunk, that while on shore he met one of his officers in a public house, and offered him a glass of beer, and that he attempted to strike him. The prisoner pleaded guilty to the first and third charges, and not guilty to the second and fourth. The court found the first and third charges proved, and sentenced the prisoner to twelve months' imprisonment, and to be dismissed from His Majesty's service.

For many years past it has been customary for the Admiralty to sell out of the service some of the oldest and most useless ships in the navy. Usually the number each year has been less than half a dozen, until 1900, when the exceptionally large number of sixteen vessels was sold, but this list, though numerous, included only small vessels, the collective displacement tonnage of which did not reach 10,000 tons. Last year only six ships, with a collective tonnage of 7,500 tons, were offered for sale. The first of vessels which the Admiralty has now decided to dispose of numbers no

less than twenty, having a collective displacement of 55,000 tons, and of which eight have been either powerful battle-ships or turret ships. Their names, tonnage, and the ports at which they are to be sold are appended:

Albatross, battleship, 5,830 Chatham
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Edgar, battleship, 5,157 Portsmouth
Cyclops, turretship, 3,550 Sheerness
Clifton, turretship, 4,010 Portsmouth
Gordon, turretship, 3,550 Devonport
Hector, turretship, 3,550 Devonport
Suez, turretship, 3,550 Sheerness
Polyphemus, torpedo ship, 2,650 Portsmouth
Telinde, wooden frigate, 2,270 Portsmouth
Mermaid, cruiser, 1,420 Devonport
Hyacinth, cruiser, 1,420 Devonport
Discovery, storeship, 1,247 Portsmouth
Castor, 5th rate, 1,000 Devonport
Alarm, 6th rate, 993 Queenstown
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Swift, gunboat, 750 Hongkong
Azor, sailing cutter, 61 Malta
Owl, tug, 10 Sheerness

THE LATE EMIL ZOLA.

Curious Revelations of His Tastes and
Intimate Life.

From London Truth.
I have been taken through Zola's town house. He seems to have had a bed at night. To secure himself against murderous burglars, he had a forged iron grating of a beautiful design placed over the bed. The structure of the bed rendered it impossible for anyone to hide under it. Zola himself slept in the wicket in the grating, he fearing that if he had a duplicate might be made. The bed is a ponderous grandiose, and wholly in proportion and harmony with the somewhat tower architecture of the house. It must have been made long ago for some Italian magnifico's palace, and is misplaced in a building constructed by a stinging bourgeois. But Zola had no sense of harmony and proportion. He felt what was handsome in isolated objects, and revelled in their beauty.

The fireplace which sent out his stealthy murderer is low—very low—and narrow, but surmounted by a mantel of the richest carved marble. One sees in it the work of the facile Italian chisel that plays with technical difficulties. The columns supporting it had been tall, but Zola caused them to be shortened to suit the height of the ceiling. A little above the knee, and your fancy will present you a point of comparison with this once superb mantelpiece. An Italian water-fountain and a Madonna and Child are among the bric-a-brac of this museum bedroom, which is one to frighten sleep away. But, though extremely suspicious in an Italian way, Zola had no Catholic feeling, and no veneration for the numerous virgins in marble, faience, wood or in pictures that adorned his house. He possessed one ancient statue of Michelangelo, the whole collection was Italian.

As to his superstitions, he feared the curses or ill-will of other human beings, and shivered when he thought of their possible occult effects. He dreaded the evil eye, and stood in awe of gypsies, with whom he had in some way connected himself in his civil days. He took only water to terminate or begin a week on Friday. Zola, nevertheless, should be regarded as a free thinker, so far as hypersensitiveness to impressions admitted of freedom of thought. With his extreme nervousness, he had a very thick skin. This came perhaps from his independence of sociability, and from his finding when alone plenty of comfort in the sensations of his brain. I do not think him a great artist, but a great philosopher, but a great prose writer and a prodigious creator of human types. All his characters spring out of his early impressions. In his early life he used to help his mother when pushed by want of money. She took the family linen to a laundress to wash it. Zola went there with it, and carried away a store of impressions that form the most telling chapters of "Le Assommoir," and in that way laid the foundation of his fortune.

HOW DOTH THE BUSY BEE.

In Scotland He is a Failure—No Honey
Crop There.

From London Express.
Whole shining hours are few and the rains descend during the whole dovey season, the little honey crop is improved, and apish grumbling. From all parts of England comes news of poor honey yields, both in quality and quantity, while from Scotland the entire failure of the crop is reported. The working bee, as a leading bee farmer said yesterday, the honey has been washed away. Hundreds of thousands of tons are washed away every year, however, but the honey-gathering season, which has been practically continuous throughout the summer.

On many farms, where the hives are usually filled three times in a season they have not been filled once. And this despite the fact that combs are started for the bees, so that they may go out sunny gathering in the first shining hour of the season. But there were few shining hours last summer, and the bees were kept indoors while the honey was being washed away.

Had the working bee as long a tongue as the bohemian bumble bee, there might have been a less sad tale from the bee farms. The red clover has more honey than almost any other flower, but only the bumble bee can gather it. The working bee confines his attention to the white clover and sainfoin, whence nearly all the English harvest is gathered. Possibly the bees have been improving the dull honey by perfecting themselves in the process of "canning" their honey. For their work amounts to "canning" since they deliberately turn round and sting a full cell before using it, thus injecting an acid which preserves the honey from fermenting. When they are not out among the flowers they often repeat the antiseptic treatment of their stores.

There is a plentiful supply of Californian and Narbonne honey to make up the deficit of the "home bee," but this price is likely to rise, as it will find an open market.

PHOTOGRAPHY THAT PAID.

An English magazine tells an incident in the life of the Princess of Wales, which shows how her ancestry and thoroughness avoided a possible catastrophe. The Princess, it appears, an enthusiastic amateur photographer, and with a daughter, the Princess Victoria, is in the habit of taking pictures of the scenery, people, and animals in and about Sandringham, herself developing and mounting them afterwards. Several months ago while out in the park she took a snapshot of the railroad bridge at Colton with a bright train whistling across it. When the picture was printed, the Princess observed a slight curve in the bridge. She went to the place from which she had taken it, and carefully inspected the structure. There was no such curve in it perceptible. "I held the camera at the wrong angle, no doubt," she said, and waiting until another train crossed, took another picture, developed and printed it. Again the depression appeared at the same point in the bridge. She carried the picture anxiously to the Prince of Wales, who sent for the superintendent of the railway. It was found that the engineers of the trains had perceived a vibrating motion when crossing the bridge. It was examined, found unsafe, and condemned.

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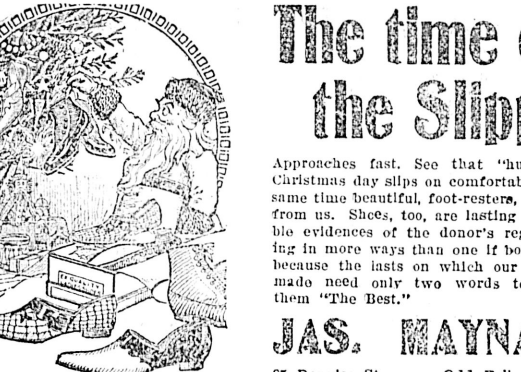
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Collector's List of Lands or Improvements on Real Property Within the Corporation of the City of Victoria.

To be Sold for Taxes, Interest and Costs on the TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF December, 1902, at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Victoria, B. C., at 12 o'clock noon, in pursuance of "The Victoria Real Property Tax Sale by Law, 1902," unless in the meantime the arrears of Taxes, Interest and Costs due in respect of each Lot in the Schedule hereunder written be paid. The said Land and Improvements will be chargeable with a proportion of the Legal Costs of and incidental to the obtaining of the Judge's Order confirming such Sale.

Land or Improvements.	ASSESSED OWNER.	REGISTERED OWNER.	Total amt. of Taxes due to Nov. 10, 1902.	Collector's com. and interest on unpaid taxes.	Interest.	Total amount of Taxes, Interest and Costs.
Wm. McHugh.	Elizabeth McHugh.	Elizabeth Watkins.	\$18 50	\$10 40	\$30 33	\$277 22
Thomas Hooper & Co.	Elizabeth Watkins.	Elizabeth Watkins.	170 70	15 90	31 81	217 41
Mrs. C. Humphries.	Elizabeth McHugh.	Elizabeth McHugh.	68 40	7 00	12 32	87 72
Alexander Heaney.	Alexander Heaney.	Alexander Heaney.	0 02	2 09	4 02	12 13
Mrs. G. Lawrence.	Go. R. Lawrence.	Go. R. Lawrence.	25 65	3 47	4 02	33 14
Mrs. G. Lawrence.	Mrs. G. Lawrence.	Mrs. G. Lawrence.	15 03	2 54	3 40	21 97
G. R. Lawrence.	1/4 lot Prosper Mene	1/4 lot Prosper Mene	30 40	4 07	3 03	37 50
John Johnston.	Patrick Ferrall.	Patrick Ferrall.	17 10	3 86	5 48	26 44
Patrick Ferrall.	Patrick Ferrall.	Patrick Ferrall.	22 80	3 83	4 41	31 04
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